

CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton was held in the Municipal Conference Room of Clifton City Hall, 900 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey.

8:00 P.M. CALL OF ROLL

Mayor Grabowski called the meeting to order and presided, and announced that the location of exits should be noted for use in case of fire or other emergencies and that smoking regulations apply to the building and cell phones should be deactivated and turned off and read the following Statement of Compliance into the record:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Annual Notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Municipal Council for the year 2025, which was published as legal advertisements in the Herald News on January 5, 2025, and was additionally advertised in the Record on January 5, 2025. Further notice of this meeting was given on Friday prior to the meeting to The Herald News and by posting of said notice on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the Clifton Website which notice stated that formal action may or may not be taken on matters to come before the Municipal Council.

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

Councilman Gibson	(BG) On Zoom
Councilman Kolodziej	(JK)
Councilman Latona	(AL)
Councilman D’Amato	(CD) On Zoom
Councilwoman Pino	(RP)
Councilwoman Sadrakula	(MS)
Mayor Grabowski	(RG)

Also present were Assistant City Attorney, Andrew Oddo; Assistant City Attorney, Thomas Egan; City Manager, Gary DeMarzo; City Clerk, Kathleen Tolosi; Deputy City Clerk, Michele Butler; and Deputy City Clerk in training Megan Krusznis.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / INVOCATION / PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Father Oleksii - Holy Ascension Church

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to approve the following Minutes:

Special Meeting minutes of May 14, 2025, Executive Special Meeting minutes of May 14, 2025, Workshop Meeting minutes of May 20, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes of May 20, 2025, and Executive Session minutes of May 20, 2025.

(6-1-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman D’Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Latona voted no.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Christopher Freid, Public Safety, resigned from his position of Police Officer, effective May 23, 2025.
- C-2 Megan Krusznis, Manager, hired as Deputy Municipal Clerk, at \$85,000.00 annually, effective June 1, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-3 Minutes of North Jersey District Water Supply Commission on April 23, 2025
- C-4 Minutes of Clifton Arts Center on April 28, 2025

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- C-5 Minutes of Advisory Committee on Civil Rights on April 28, 2025
- C-6 Minutes of Advisory Board of Recreation on April 28, 2025
- C-7 Minutes of Clifton Advisory Beautification Committee on May 5, 2025

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7997-25

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon a Motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Traffic and Vehicles," more Particularly Section 439-13 Thereof, Entitled "Parking Prohibited at all Times on Certain Streets" (Prohibits Parking on Both Sides of Urma Avenue at Between Springdale Avenue and Landis Place)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(4-3-0-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Aye. Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino, Mayor Grabowski voted Nay.

B. Introduction of Ordinance 7998-25

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon a Motion made by Councilman D'Amato and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Traffic and Vehicles," More Particularly Section 439-13 Thereof, Entitled "Parking Prohibited at all Time on Certain Streets" (Prohibits Parking on the North Side of Bridewell Place Starting 560 Feet East of Main Avenue Extending 93 Feet East Thereof)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye.

C. Introduction of Ordinance 7999-25

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon a Motion made by Councilman D'Amato and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

Amending Bond Ordinance #7471-18 of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, Finally Adopted September 4, 2018

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye.

D. Introduction of Ordinance 8000-25

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon a Motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilman Latona.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Adds 8 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye.

E. Introduction of Ordinance 8001-25

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon a Motion made by Councilman D'Amato and seconded by Councilman Gibson.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic, More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Amends Handicapped Parking Placard Number)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye.

F. Introduction of Ordinance 8002-25

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon a Motion made by Councilman D'Amato and seconded by Councilman Gibson.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic, More Particularly Section 439-37 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets" (Deletes 1 Handicapped Space)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye.

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G. Introduction of Ordinance 8003-25

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon a Motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise, and Supplement Chapter 349 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Permit Parking on Residential Streets and Municipal Lots," Article I, Entitled "Residential Street," More Particularly Section 349-2 Thereof, Entitled "Restricted Streets (Viola Avenue)"

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye.

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Anthony Miragliotta, 31 John Alden Street, expressed concern about the current administration and spoke about changing the form of government.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., spoke to express his disappointment in the Mayor's vote for the parking on the S curve on Pershing Road. He asked the council to give the City Manager a chance. The enforcement of illegal Air BnB needs to be done. The constant fighting between council members needs to end. His final comment was regarding too many road closures.

Joseph Holzli, 75 Mountainside Terrace, spoke about 40 trees that were removed from a property on Valley Road.

Ray Robertello, 66 Woodland Avenue, thanked the Mayor, City Manager, and all who attended, for attending the Flag Raising ceremony for Pride Month. Blue Acres purchased a property on his block and he questioned who was responsible for the property maintenance.

Bart Ciervo, 306 Delawanna Avenue, expressed his disappointment that the city can provide pickleball courts but no dog park. The sidewalks need repair, and he put in several emergency calls to have this done. He expressed his criticism of Councilman Kolodziej and Councilwoman Pino.

Donna Popowich, 57 Dalewood Road, addressed the council, announcing upcoming city-wide garage sales and Little Pantry garage sales. Additionally, she presented a citizen's award to Clifton Education Foundation. She also noted that the City Manager should be given some time to prove himself.

Keith Bassford, 92 Mountainview Drive, asked the council if they did research about the new City Manager. He was in favor of his appointment. He commended the City Attorneys. He would like the council to improve their decorum.

Hannah (inaudible), resident, stated that the businesses in town should be paying taxes, not the residents. The sewer bills are way too high. The city has become a dump. There should be assistance for residents to lower costs of the water bills. She voiced her opposition to permit parking.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to close the public session.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

City Manager, Gary DeMarzo, addressed the public's questions. The sewer rate calculation is based on the prior year's consumption. It increased by 5%. Blue Acres home on Woodland Avenue is 90 days from closing, the city will maintain. There was a dog park study done, it did not come back favorably for that area of Delawanna.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej addressed the upcoming public hearing on the master plan scheduled for June 23rd. He mentioned that the finalized plan will be forwarded to the State for review. Additionally, Parks and Playgrounds will receive the necessary updates and upgrades to improve their facilities

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato discussed several community safety and infrastructure concerns. He mentioned that the City Manager should look into Chelsea Road to help curb speeding issues. Additionally, he highlighted the need for a crosswalk at the corner of Colfax Avenue and Van Breeman Street to improve pedestrian safety. The Councilman also brought up the s-curve on Pershing Road, noting that parking on only one side of the street will not work.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej reported on a successful Youth Day event. He also noted the 40-day grace period for sewer bill payments before interest begins accruing. He mentioned the Intrepid Museum, apologized to the Mayor for missing the Pride Month flag raising ceremony, and requested information on prior approvals required for a crosswalk installation at Colfax Avenue and Van Breeman Street. Finally, he requested examples of PILOT programs to use in a presentation and announced a special meeting for ON3. There will be a free art event on June 14th.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson reported that grass will be cut at the Blue Acres property, wished Donna Popowich good luck with her garage sale, and noted that Clifton City Concerns has some good revenue-generating ideas. He also highlighted the need for more funding for grants.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula reported that the County scheduled a meeting regarding Allwood Road, emphasizing the need for it to be a public meeting. She motioned for the City Manager to write a letter canceling the meeting, but the motion failed. She also brought up the removal of trees on Valley Road and the need to address and penalize Airbnb properties.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona announced local news and events. He complimented the students for Youth Day, the kids were great touring the City Hall. Volunteers are needed for Avenue of Flags, June 14th. Councilman Latona discussed the Allwood Road meeting, he noted that he has known Mr. DeMarzo for 18 years, he also discussed PILOT agreements, and grant money for Capital Improvements. There was a permit issued by the DPW to remove 40 trees on a Valley Road development.

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Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino complimented the students for Youth Day. She announced that the ECHO Kids Summer Camp will be back this summer. The FMBA food drive is accepting donations. The 4th of July planning is going well. ON3 is much needed revenue for the City, and there should be a special meeting to get moving. She ended with a Happy Father's Day message to all.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski complimented Ray Robertello on how nice the flag raising event was. The comment by Gary Perrino regarding the s-curve vote was brought up, Mayor Grabowski would have wanted the suggestion to be one side parking first and then if that did not work, would have asked for both sides. He ended with a Happy Father's Day message to all.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and the motion failed on roll call vote for R 288-25.

R288-25 Resolution Authorization Additional Funding to Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP to Handel Independent Investigation Services in Connection with Complaints Brought Under the City's Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Involving Employees of the City of Clifton

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO LADDEY, CLARK & RYAN LLP TO HANDLE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH COMPLAINTS BROUGHT UNDER THE CITY'S POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION INVOLVING EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton appointed Laddey, Clark & Ryan LLP, of 60 Blue Heron Road, Suite 300, Sparta, New Jersey, through a fair and open process in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44-A-20.5* to provide legal services concerning complaints brought under the City's policy prohibiting sexual harassment and discrimination involving employees of the City of Clifton at the rate of \$200.00 per hour for partners and \$175.00 per hour for associates, not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the term of the contract, one year starting from June 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required in order to ensure that said complaints are investigated in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional and/or extraordinary unspecifiable services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefor without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5*; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract (in combination with other matters) shall be increased from \$35,000.00 to a total of \$65,000.00 for the term; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from counsel and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the payment of the aforesaid services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

An amendment to the contract for professional legal services for outside counsel to conduct independent investigations for complaints brought under the City's policy prohibiting sexual harassment and discrimination involving employees of the City of Clifton, in the form as approved by the Clifton Law Department, to Laddey, Clark & Ryan LLP, effective June 5, 2024 through June 4, 2025, the rate to be paid for said services is \$200.00 per hour for partners and \$175.00 per hour for associates, not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the term of the contract without the

express approval of the Municipal Council and adoption of a supplementary resolution is hereby authorized.

The required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.

The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute an amended contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.

The original of this resolution and the contract in question shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Clifton.

The following short notice be printed once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton:

**CITY OF CLIFTON
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED**

The City of Clifton has awarded a professional services contract without competitive bidding pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)*. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP
Services: Independent Investigations
Project: Claims involving employees under the City’s policy prohibiting sexual harassment and discrimination
Amount: \$200.00 per hour for partners and \$175.00 for associates, not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the contract term
Term: June 5, 2024 through June 4, 2025

(3-3-1-0) Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino, and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Nay. Councilman D'Amato abstained.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and passed with no objection to table 285-25.

R285-25 Resolution Approving Increase in Maximum Amount of Clifton Home Improvement Program (CHIP) Loans

RESOLUTION APPROVING INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CLIFTON HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIP) LOANS

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton currently makes available loans of up to \$10,000 under the Clifton Home Improvement Program (“CHIP”); and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Clifton Public Housing Agency has recommended the increase of the maximum loan amount to \$20,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the Clifton Housing Department, within its Clifton Home Improvement Program, approves the increase in the maximum CHIP loan amount to \$20,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CHIP Program Manual shall be amended to reflect this increase in a form to be approved by the Law Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public announcement of these changes be made so that the residents of the City of Clifton are informed of the revised income limits for the CHIP

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program.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

A Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula and passed with no objection to table 290-25.

R290-25 Resolution Approving Developer Agreement Between the City of Clifton and 1607-1617 Main Ave., LLC

**RESOLUTION APPROVING DEVELOPER AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF CLIFTON AND 1607-1617 MAIN AVE., LLC**

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Developer Agreement between the City of Clifton and 1607-1617 Maiv Ave., LLC, the Developer of Block 9.09, Lots 9 & 11, 1607-1617 Main Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, is hereby authorized and approved; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Developer Agreement on behalf of the City of Clifton.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and the motion passed on roll call vote for R 272-25.

R272-25 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the June 3, 2025, City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid the meeting of June 3rd, 2025
Meeting of June 3rd, 2025**

Resolved that all claims on the attached sheets are approved as reasonable and proper claims against the City of Clifton.

Current Fund	\$	790,709.90
Grant Fund	\$	25,873.79
General Capital Fund	\$	10,294,105.29
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	17,913.22
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	1,812.12
Developers Escrow	\$	4,919.50
Dog Trust	\$	3,486.22
Revolving Loan Fund		
Police Extra Duty	\$	477.00
Trust Other	\$	20,668.46
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
Community Development	\$	52,631.69
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-

	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	1,625,301.50
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	23,993.83
General Liability Trust	\$	33,508.67
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	3,312.00
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	12,898,713.19

(5-1-1-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino, and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Nay. Councilman Latona, abstained.

RESOLUTIONS

A Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to move the group.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

R273-25 Resolution - Special Emergency Resolution 8 - 2025 Municipal Budget

SPECIAL EMERGENCY 8
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen in that the City is expected to enter in contracts, commitments or payments prior to the 2025 Municipal Budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2025 Temporary Municipal Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation foresaid purpose, and

WHEREAS; the total emergency temporary appropriation resolution adopted in the year 2025 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution totals \$88,049,372.18, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency Temporary Appropriations be and the same are hereby made in the amount of \$16,219,781.78 as follows:

See Attached Break Out

2. Said Emergency Temporary Appropriations will be provided for in the 2025 Municipal Budget.

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3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services by the City Clerk.

R274-25 Resolution - Temporary Budget Resolution 2 - 2025 Sewer Utility Budget

**2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET 2
CLIFTON SEWER UTILITY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 authorizes temporary appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the adoption of the budget, where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the budget for any fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, contracts, commitments or payments are to be made by the City of Clifton Sewer Utility for the purpose and amounts requested in the manner and time therein provided; and,

WHEREAS, the 2025 Temporary Budget for the Clifton Sewer Utility was adopted with Resolution R004-25 on January 8, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Temporary Budget Funds are needed to maintain the Sewer Utility prior to the adoption of the 2025 Sewer Utility Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Temporary Appropriations Amendments are hereby authorized to provide for contracts, commitments, and payments prior to the adoption of the 2025 Sewer Utility Budget as follows:

<u>Sewer Department</u>	<u>Department Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sewer / Storm System – S&W	07-201-26-291-101	\$ 100,000.00
Sewer / Storm System – OE	07-201-26-291-405	\$ 100,000.00
Sewer Utility Allocations – OE	07-201-26-292-200	\$ 93,900.00
Statutory Exp – Employer Taxes	07-201-36-472-300	\$ 10,000.00
Emergency Repairs	07-201-26-291-601	\$ 60,000.00
Total Temporary Budget Amendment:		<u>\$ 363,900.00</u>

R275-25 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Change Order No. 1 and Final 2023 NJDOT Sidewalk and Curb Improvements

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL
2023 NJDOT SIDEWALK AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2023, the City of Clifton adopted Resolution R510-23 awarding a contract to **RIVERVIEW PAVING INC.** of HACKETTSTOWN, NJ, for the performance of certain public work and the furnishing of material, labor and equipment for **2023 NJDOT SIDEWALK AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS** in the amount of \$2,296,902.00; and

WHEREAS, regulations, adopted by the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, and dealing with “Contract Change Order” open-end contracts, etc., became effective on April 15, 1977; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has requested that a Change Order be made to the contract awarded to **RIVERVIEW PAVING INC.**, in the amount of \$79,967.81 a 3.48% Decrease as authorized by Resolution said being necessary for the proper completion of the project job; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to comply with said regulations, and to the end herewith files with the Governing Body a report of the Engineering Department stating the facts involved and indicating that the proposed contract Change Order is necessary and should be approved and allowed; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer is not required to certify the availability of sufficient funds for the amendatory change for which authorization is requested in the amount of \$79,967.81 a 3.48% DECREASE;

WHEREAS, the total contract amount is now \$2,216,934.19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the said amendatory Change Order be and the same is hereby ratified and payment therefore is hereby approved.

BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER 51780

R276-25 Resolution Authorizing Final Payment 2023 NJDOT Sidewalk and Curb Improvements Riverview Paving, Inc.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT
2023 NJDOT SIDEWALK AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS
RIVERVIEW PAVING INC.**

WHEREAS, RIVERVIEW PAVING INC. of Hackettstown, New Jersey,
did complete **2023 NJDOT SIDEWALK AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS** project in and for
the City of Clifton for the total amount

of
.....
\$2,216,934.19

And previous payments on account of said total have been paid
in the amount of.
.....
\$2,172,575.51

Leaving this FINAL PAYMENT
of \$ 44,358.68

WHEREAS, said work was authorized by contract duly awarded at a regular meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has posted a Maintenance Bond, for a period of two years, in the amount of **\$221,693.42**; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has inspected the work done and has determined that said work has been properly done and completed, to the best of his knowledge, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract as amended, if amended, and hereby recommends that the said work be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clifton does hereby formally accept the work as shown as completed in this resolution and contract.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is authorized and directed to include the said claim totaling **\$44,358.68** on the claim list.

BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER NO. 51780

R277-25 Resolution Authorizing Permission to Bid for 2025 Roadway Resurfacing Program

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO BID FOR
2025 ROADWAY RESURFACING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton shall incur no expense exceeding \$17,500, except where either authorized by law or waived by the Municipal Council up to the State of New Jersey bid threshold; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton seeks construction services estimated to cost in excess of \$17,500 without waiver; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work includes milling and resurfacing on various streets throughout the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer of the City of Clifton has prepared Bid Specifications, Notice to Bidders, Proposals and Specifications for said improvements in anticipation of the public bidding for same and finds same to be acceptable for public bidding; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to advertise a Notice to Bidders and to receive public bids for the services described therein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Notice to Bidders shall be published once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton no later than the next Municipal Council meeting, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*

R278-25 Resolution Authorizing Permission to Bid for Interior Alterations to Clifton Police Department

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO BID FOR
INTERIOR ALTERATIONS TO CLIFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton shall incur no expense exceeding \$17,500, except where either authorized by law or waived by the Municipal Council up to the State of New Jersey bid threshold; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton seeks construction services estimated to cost in excess of \$17,500 without waiver; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work under contract no. 1 includes the demolition of four jail cells, demolition and alterations to the police lobby and violations bureau for conversion to office space for body camera processing; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work under contract no. 2 includes the renovation of six holding cells adjacent to the limits of work under contract no. 1; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer of the City of Clifton has prepared Bid Specifications, Notice to Bidders, Proposals and Specifications for said improvements in anticipation of the public bidding for same and finds same to be acceptable for public bidding; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to advertise a Notice to Bidders and to receive public bids for the services described therein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Notice to Bidders shall be published once in a

legal newspaper of the City of Clifton no later than the next Municipal Council meeting, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*

R279-25 Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of Notice of Intent for Procurement of One (1) New 2026 Ford 550 Passenger Bus off the HGAC National Cooperative

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCURE ONE (1) NEW 2026 FORD 550 PASSENGER BUS OFF THE HGAC NATIONAL COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is allowed to participate in inter-local purchasing systems per N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (b) P.L. 2011, c.139 which was enacted into law permitting agencies to utilize cooperative purchasing agreements with other states; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is a member of The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is the largest of 24 Councils of Government (COG) in Texas and is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, and LFN 2012-10; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton seeks permission to advertise the City’s interest in participating with the HGAC national cooperative for Buses - Shuttles, Transits, Trams, & Other Specialty Buses , which was awarded to Model 1 Commercial Vehicles Located at 2 Gowin St, Sayreville NJ 08872; and

WHEREAS, information regarding the contract may be found on HGAC’s website at <https://www.hgacbuy.org/contracts/documents?contractid=115>; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for H-GAC contract #BT01-21, for Buses - Shuttles, Transits, Trams, & Other Specialty Buses which expires on Dec 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, barring comments to the contrary, it is the intent of the City of Clifton to award a contract to Model 1 Commercial Vehicles Located at 2 Gowin St, Sayreville NJ 08872, pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to HGAC’s Notice to Bidders Titled “Buses - Shuttles, Transits, Trams, & Other Specialty Buses” and Contract Award # #BT01-21 for One New Ford 2026 Ford Passenger Bus; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clifton authorizes the Purchasing Agent to advertise the Notice of Intent to Award Contract under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with a comment period ending June 17, 2025.

Comment Period ends: June 17, 2025

R280-25 Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of Notice of Intent for Procurement of Ford OEM Automotive Parts and Supplies for City of Clifton via Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF INTENT FOR PROCUREMENT OF FORD OEM AUTOMOTIVE PARTS AND SUPPLIES FOR CITY OF CLIFTON VIA SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is allowed to participate in inter-local purchasing systems per N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (b) P.L. 2011, c.139 which was enacted into law permitting agencies to utilize cooperative purchasing agreements with other states; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution R274-18, adopted June 19, 2018, the City of Clifton is a member of Sourcewell, formerly known as National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), a national cooperative, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, and LFN 2012-10; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton seeks permission to advertise the City’s interest in participating with the Sourcewell national cooperative for OEM Automotive Parts and Supplies, which was awarded to Route 23 Automall LLC, 1301 Route 23 Butler NJ 07405; and

WHEREAS, information regarding the contract may be found on Sourcewell’s website at

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<https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/cooperative-purchasing/080124-FMC>) ; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for Sourcewell contract #080124-FMC, for Ford Automotive Parts and Supplies which expires on November 14,2028; and

WHEREAS, barring comments to the contrary, it is the intent of the City of Clifton to award a contract to Route 23 Automall LLC, 1301 Route 23 Butler NJ 07405, pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to Sourcewell’s Notice to Bidders Titled “Ford Automotive Parts and Supplies#080124-FMC for Ford OEM Automotive Parts and Supplies; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clifton authorizes the Purchasing Agent to advertise the Notice of Intent to Award Contract under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with a comment period ending March 17,2025.

Comment Period ends: June 17,2025

R281-25 Authorizing Amendment of Resolution R059-23, Adopted January 17, 2023 for Vegetative Waste Disposal to Low Bidder

**AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION R059-23,
ADOPTED JANUARY 17,2023, FOR VEGATATIVE WASTE DISPOSAL
TO LOW BIDDER**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 059-23, the City of Clifton authorized a contract for Disposal of Vegetative Waste on January 17,2023 to RER Supply, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, the contract award to RER Supply, LLC, was for a period of three-years, for a total contract amount of \$918,750.00, based on estimated annual amounts; and,

WHEREAS, a scrivener’s error was identified in the per cubic yard price for Option Year 2 (January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027) under Item #15 – Vegetative Waste Disposal, which was incorrectly stated as \$12.94 per cubic yard; and

WHEREAS, the correct per cubic yard price for Option Year 2 should be \$17.31 for 15,000 cubic yards of vegetative waste; and

WHEREAS, with this for year 2027, the not to exceed total contract award amount would remain the same; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby approve and authorize an amendment to Resolution R059-23 to correct the per cubic yard price for Item #15 – Vegetative Waste Disposal for Option Year 2 to reflect \$17.31 per cubic yard, and acknowledge that the total contract amount remains unchanged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the amendment to the above.

R282-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Crime Risk Management Police with American International Group (AIG) for Period 7/1/2025 to 7/1/2026

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CRIME RISK MANAGEMENT
POLICY WITH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP (AIG) FOR PERIOD
7/1/2025 - 7/1/2026**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires renewal of its crime liability insurance for the period July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City’s broker of record after soliciting proposals has recommended and the Municipal Council wishes to award a renewal contract to American International Group (AIG) for the provision of said insurance, in accordance with its proposal submitted May 18, 2025 which provides the best and most cost effective service for the City; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter is below the bid threshold and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for a Crime Risk Management Policy with American International Group (AIG) for the period July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026, is hereby awarded in accordance with its proposal submitted May 18, 2024 for a price of \$8,538.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton, and that the original of this resolution and the contract above referred to be placed on file and made available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton.

Certification of Funds:
Funds Are Available in
Account: General Liability Trust
Account #27-201-20-300-200

R283-25 Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Funds for Professional Services to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC in Connection with Affordable Housing Litigation

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2024, a professional services contract for affordable housing litigation was awarded to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, for the one year period from June 5, 2024 through June 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the authorized amount under the contract for said services was not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the contract term without the adoption of a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, have provided satisfactory affordable housing litigation services to the City of Clifton and, due to greatly enhanced activity, it is projected that the fee for said services will exceed the original authorized amount of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funding in the amount of an additional \$5,000.00, for a total not to exceed \$10,000.00 will be required through the conclusion of the term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that supplemental funding in the amount of an additional not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$10,000.00 for affordable housing litigation services through June 4, 2025, by Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC is authorized and approved.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:
FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN
ACCOUNT: RESERVE FOR COAH
ACCOUNT #: 18-286-56-850-800

R284-25 Resolution Awarding Professional Legal Services Contract to Buglione, Hutton & DeYoe, LLC for Defense of Workers' Compensation Claims Against the City of Clifton

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**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO
BUGLIONE, HUTTON & DeYOE, LLC FOR DEFENSE OF WORKERS'
COMPENSATION CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is in need of the services of an attorney who possesses expertise in the field of defense of workers' compensation claims; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Buglione, Hutton & DeYoe, LLC of Wayne, NJ, has been providing these services to the City of Clifton in a satisfactory manner for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council wishes to award a renewal of the said contract, on the same terms and conditions as previously agreed upon; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional and/or extraordinary unspecifiable services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefor without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44-A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract is expected to be in excess of \$17,500.00, and the duration of the contract is for one year; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from counsel and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for payment for the services;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional legal services renewal contract as aforesaid be and the same is hereby awarded Buglione, Hutton & DeYoe, LLC, 401 Hamburg Turnpike, P.O. Box 2449, Wayne, NJ 07470, for one year, at a cost as follows:

Flat fee, half of which is payable upon receipt of the file, to cover one calendar year: \$497.00

Flat fee, payable for each calendar year thereafter that the file remains open: \$100.00

Hourly rate for all trial work involving the initiation of testimony for any Second Injury Fund Matter: \$90.00

Hourly rate for scheduling of IME's: \$85.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract was obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton and is endorsed hereon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution and the contract above referred to be placed on file and made available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following short notice be printed once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton:

**CITY OF CLIFTON
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD**

The City of Clifton has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40:11-5(1)(a). The contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Buglione, Hutton & DeYoe, LLC, Wayne, NJ
Services: Professional Legal Services
Cost: \$497 flat fee, ½ of which is payable upon receipt of file, to cover 1 calendar year
\$100 flat fee, payable for each year thereafter the file remains open
\$90 hourly rate for all trial work involving the initiation of testimony for any
Second Injury Fund Matter
\$85 hourly rate for scheduling IME’s
Subject: Defense of workers’ compensation claims against the City of Clifton
Term: One Year

Adopted: June 3, 2025
Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Certification of Funds:
Funds Are Available in
Account: Worker’s Compensation Trust

R286-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Underground Storage Tank Insurance Policy
- 8/7/25 - 8/6/26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK
INSURANCE POLICY - 8/7/25 - 8/6/26**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires renewal of its underground storage tank insurance for the period August 7, 2025 to August 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City’s broker of record after soliciting proposals has recommended and the Municipal Council wishes to award a renewal contract to Rivington Partners for the provision of said insurance, in accordance with its proposal submitted May 28, 2025, which provides the best and most cost effective service for the City; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter is below the bid threshold and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for an Underground Storage Tank Policy with Rivington Partners for the period August 7, 2025 to August 6, 2026, is hereby awarded in accordance with its proposal submitted May 28, 2025 for a price of \$10,350.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton, and that the original of this resolution and the contract above referred to be placed on file and made available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton.

Certification of Funds:
Funds Are Available in
Account General Liability Trust
Account #27-201-20-300-100 Group Insurance

R287-25 Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Funds for Professional Services to DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. in Connection with Labor Counsel Services

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, COLEY, YOSPIN, KUNZMAN, DAVIS, LEHRER & FLAUM, P.C. IN CONNECTION WITH LABOR COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, a professional services contract for Labor Counsel services was awarded to DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., from August 8, 2024 through August 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the authorized amount under the contract for said services was not to exceed \$135,000.00 for the contract term without the adoption of a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funds were authorized in April, with a total not to exceed amount of \$165,000 for the contract term without the adoption of a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. has provided satisfactory labor counsel services to the City of Clifton and, due to greatly enhanced activity, it is projected that the fee for said services will exceed the authorized amount of \$165,000.00; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funding in the amount of an additional \$25,000 for a total not to exceed \$190,000 will be required through the conclusion of the investigation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that supplemental funding in the amount of an additional not to exceed \$25,000 for a total not to exceed \$190,000 for labor counsel services through August 7, 2025, by DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., is authorized and approved.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:
FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN
Account Personnel Office Legal Fees
Account #01-201-20-105-263

R289-25 Resolution Authorizing Request for Proposals for Outside Labor Counsel for the City of Clifton for the Term August 7, 2025 - August 6, 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR OUTSIDE LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON FOR THE TERM AUGUST 7, 2025 – AUGUST 6, 2026

WHEREAS, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4-1*, local contracting units may procure outside legal counsel through requests for proposals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires outside counsel for Labor Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the City of Clifton shall prepare Requests for Proposals for said services,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that authorization is hereby given for the advertisement of requests for proposals for outside labor counsel services for the term of August 7, 2025 – August 6, 2026.

R291-25 Resolution for Appointment to the Holiday Committee

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
HOLIDAY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of an application from Tarek Alnatur to become a Member of the Holiday Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Tarek Alnatur is hereby appointed as a Member of the Holiday Committee commencing this day.

R292-25 Resolution for Appointment to Clifton Arts Center & Sculpture Committee

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
ARTS & SCULPTURE COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that Thomas R. Charsky is hereby appointed as representative of Clifton Library Board on the Clifton Arts & Sculpture Committee.

R293-25 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Senior Library Assistant Darlene Olenkewich

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
SENIOR LIBRARY ASSISTANT
DARLENE OLENKEWICH**

WHEREAS, June 1, 2025, Senior Library Assistant, Darlene Olenkewich, officially retired from her position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed as a Library Assistant on December 2, 1987 and her retirement will conclude a thirty-eight year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, she has always displayed an attitude of professionalism and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, she has been a credit to the City of Clifton during all this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge her long-time service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

**SENIOR LIBRARY ASSISTANT
DARLENE OLENKEWICH**

their sincere congratulations and thanks for a job well done, as well as their best wishes for continued good health, peace and happiness in her retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy thereof presented to **DARLENE OLENKEWICH**.

R294-25 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session

June 3, 2025

**CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council deems it essential in the furtherance of the public interest, to discuss, in closed session, as expressly permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, the following subject(s), to wit:

- CON-1 Developer Agreement 1607-1617 Main Ave., LLC Block 9.09, Lots 9 & 11
- CON-2 Dominick Villano v. City of Clifton, *et al.* Litigation Update
- CON-3 Redevelopment of Former Hoffman LaRoche Property and Black Prince Site
- CON-4 199 Scoles Avenue - Potential Litigation
- CON-5 Contract Negotiations - Police Chief
- CON-6 Employment Background Investigation - City Manager
- CON-7 FMBA Negotiations Update
- CON-8 Confidential Investigation of Harassment Complaint by D.I. against M.S.
- CON-9 Litigation Update – Samuel Arnowitz v. City of Clifton, *et al.*
Docket No. PASL-3491-20

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public shall be excused and excluded from that portion of the Council’s meeting to be held on June 3, 2025 at which time, said subject(s) shall be discussed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion held at such closed session can be disclosed to the public on or about the time the matter is concluded.

LICENSES

L-1 Gash's Catering
RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
FOR **KHALED ALBALOUCH**
T/A **GASH'S CATERING**
ADDRESS **CITY WIDE ZONE**
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED **FOOD VENDING VEHICLE - CONTINUED USE**
FORMERLY OR NEW **GASH'S CATERING**
ZONE **NOT REQUIRED**
PERMITTED **YES**
VARIANCE REQUIRED **NO**
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-2 Tacos Matamoros Restaurant
RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
FOR **TACOS MATAMOROS RESTAURANT LLC**
T/A **TACOS MATAMOROS RESTAURANT**
ADDRESS **227 DAYTON AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011**
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED **RESTAURANT**
FORMERLY OR NEW **NEW**
ZONE **PD-1**
PERMITTED **YES**
VARIANCE REQUIRED **NO**
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula seconded by Councilman D’Amato, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor